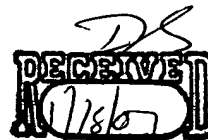


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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 7 has not been changed by this Amendment and remains as follows:

An apparatus, comprising:

a base apparatus which includes a first sheet transporting path extending substantially vertically and performs a first processing for a sheet traveling along said first sheet transporting path; and

a scanner apparatus which can be removably mounted on said base apparatus and includes a reading element,

wherein a second sheet transporting path extending substantially vertically is defined